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Process Initiative/Block Change Process

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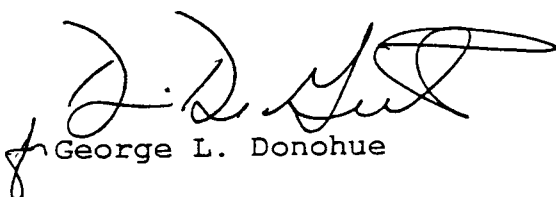
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The objective of the Single Process Initiative (SPI)/Block Change Process initiated by the Department of Defense (DOD) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is to enable contractors to propose single processes that will meet the needs of multiple Government customers. This will reduce duplicative contractor systems and processes imposed by individual Government agency customer requirements. The initiative is expected to reduce contractor costs, improve efficiency, reduce product costs, and improve product quality. By participating in the SPI the FAA's goal is to eliminate unique processes or systems required by the material and acquisition organizations of the agency. Provisions of 14 C.F.R. Code of Federal Regulations and other FAA regulatory responsibilities regarding the design, production, airworthiness certification and continued airworthiness of aircraft, products, and parts thereof are not in any way part of or affected by the SPI.

The Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) is the DOD focal point for this initiative at contractor facilities and works with contractor and Government representatives to identify single processes with potential benefits. The FAA intends to cooperate with the DCMC for the development and acceptance of beneficial single processes in facilities that produce products under contract for the FAA, DOD and NASA. For each contract the cognizant FAA integrated product teams (IPT) will participate in the management council as appropriate and review proposed single process changes. Any changes beneficial to the FAA will be implemented by IPT's in

the appropriate contracts. Participation in the single process initiative does not imply any transfer of responsibility or authority for FAA contracts. The FAA will maintain independent plant cognizance and presence. Within the FAA, the Office of Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Systems will be the focal point for this initiative.

This policy is effective immediately and will be incorporated in the FAA Acquisition Management System and other appropriate guidance with the next revision.



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